

active service as a military or civilian employee of the United States if such decedent dies as a result of wounds or injuries incurred in a terroristic or military action (as defined in section 692(c)(2)). The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to any individual whom the Secretary determines was a perpetrator of any such terrorist attack.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The heading of section 2201 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2201. COMBAT ZONE-RELATED DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEATHS OF VICTIMS OF CERTAIN TERRORIST ATTACKS.”.

(2) The item relating to section 2201 in the table of sections for subchapter C of chapter 11 of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2201. Combat zone-related deaths of members of the Armed Forces and deaths of victims of certain terrorist attacks.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to estates of decedents dying on or after September 11, 2001.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1424. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for the admission of “S” visa non-immigrants; considered and passed.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President I ask unanimous consent that the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1424

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR ADMISSION OF “S” VISA NONIMMIGRANTS.

Section 214(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(k)) is amended—

- (1) by striking (2);
- (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respectively; and
- (3) in paragraph (4)(E) (as redesignated), by striking “paragraph (4)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 1425. A bill to establish hospice demonstration projects and a hospice grant program for beneficiaries under the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I am introducing the Medicare Hospice Improvement Program Act, which is supported by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. The purpose of this bill is to provide for at least three demonstration projects within Medicare to improve the delivery of the hospice benefit to seniors. This legislation would allow us to find new ways to: (1) Allow people to enroll in hospice even though they may want

to continue trying curative treatment for a limited time; (2) modify the requirements to decrease the strain on rural hospice providers; and (3) revise reimbursement rates to more adequately cover comfort care. In addition this bill would provide a grant program to help defray the costs of providing education of the public, the medical community and patients about hospice care.

The Medicare hospice benefit has not been revised since it was first created nearly two decades ago. Too often patients and their families are unaware of the Medicare hospice benefit or they seek hospice care too late to get the full benefit of hospice services. This legislation is important because it would help us find ways to assure that the Medicare hospice benefit is better integrated into medical care, as well as improve patient access to the pain and symptom management, counseling, and other comfort care services provided by hospice.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1551. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1552. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1554. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1558. Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, supra.

SA 1559. Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, supra.

SA 1560. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. REID, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, supra.

SA 1561. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1422, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate re-

sult of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SA 1562. Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

SA 1563. Ms. COLLINS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, supra.

SA 1564. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1568. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1569. Mr. REID (for Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. BOND)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 856, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1551. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Department of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 75, insert between lines 11 and 12 the following:

SEC. ____ (a) Section 203(c) of the Judicial Improvement Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 133 note) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence following paragraph (12), by striking “and the eastern district of Pennsylvania” and inserting “, the eastern district of Pennsylvania, and the northern district of Ohio”; and

(2) by inserting after the third sentence following paragraph (12) “The first vacancy in the office of district judge in the northern district of Ohio occurring 15 years or more after the confirmation date of the judge named to fill the temporary judgeship created under this subsection shall not be filled.”.

(b) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the earlier of—

- (1) the date of enactment of this Act; or
- (2) November 15, 2001.

SA 1552. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other